

Joint Local Action Group and Regeneration Partnership Meeting
2pm, 20th May 2014
Venue: Rooms 3 & 4 The Quays.

Present: Councillor Anthony Taylor – Chair
Ben Riseborough (BR)
Julia Jenkins (JJ)
Natasha Lewis (NL)
Russell Ward (RW)
Catrin Evans (CE)
Annette Williams (AW)
Greg Kaminaris (GK)
Nigel T. Packer (NP)
Richard Walters (RW)
Tony McGetrick (TM)
Carys Miles (CM)
Christine Esposito (CE)
Sue Reed (SR)
Len Preece (LP)
Angeline Spooner-Cleverly (ASC)

Apologies for Absence

Rachel Saunders, David Davies, Tony Potts, Julian Smith

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Why are we here?

The chair explained that this meeting is to propose joining the Local Action Group and the Regeneration Partnership and creating one group. This will benefit the communities. This meeting will be used to look at how we can bring things forward.

3. 2014 – 2020 Local Action Group Expression of Interest

JJ went through Appendix 1 (Expression of interest) and explained section 5. It was explained that the purpose of today's meeting is to find out how to get this group started.

No questions were asked by the group.

4. Regenerate NPT

a. Membership

Appendix 2 was handed out to the group and JJ went through the table. JJ stated that membership of Regenerate NPT needs to be widened to include organisations who deliver projects in the rural wards as well as organisation that represent the whole county borough. Appendix 2 lists all organisations currently known to the Lead Body but was by no means exhaustive. JJ requested that members let her know of any other organisations that should be included.

JJ will send an Expression of Interest to everyone inviting them to register their interest in becoming a member of Regenerate

NPT. If there is a large response then there is a possibility of having sub groups on a thematic basis that will feed up to the main group, including a project development task and finish group.

RW, noted that there may be conflicts of interest within the group and therefore this will need to be looked at. JJ stated that this will be covered in the draft terms of reference for the group.

b. Chairing role

Councillor Anthony Taylor, chair of the current Regeneration Partnership is happy to chair the Regenerate NPT meetings and Richard Walters, current chair of the LAG has agreed to be vice chair.

c. Reporting structure

A handout was given out to the group and JJ went through it with the group. JJ stated that work is ongoing to firm up how Regenerate NPT will link with the Local Service Board and the Swansea Bay City Region Partnership. Initial discussions are around the Chair of Regenerate NPT being a corresponding member of both groups and providing update reports to those groups on a regular basis. This item is to be brought forward and put on to the agenda of the next meeting.

d. Frequency of meetings

JJ informed the group that the meetings will be quarterly and sub groups may meet in between that time and feed back. The project development task and finish group will need to meet regularly between now and the end of the year to ensure that projects are ready to be submitted to WG for approval. The main partnership will need to meet to score projects before submission.

The group agreed with this

e. Terms of reference

A handout outlining the purpose of Regenerate NPT and the main duties for members of the group was given to the group and JJ went through it and explained that the themes are open for discussion. There were no comments made by the group. JJ will now develop a more formal Terms of Reference for Regenerate NPT based on the document.

f. Work plan for development of LDS

This item has been brought forward and put on the agenda of the next meeting.

5. Think Links Interim Report – emerging themes

BR outlined the main purpose of the Think Links project. There have been 8 potential project ideas that have come out of the Interim report. BR

explained to the group each of the potential project ideas, and informed the group that DANSA has a few ideas to address project idea 3...

There are also a number of organisations keen to address Project idea 5 . AW talked about project 6 and there already being some walking groups, but this is a good idea to promote historic walking groups, even maybe themed walks/trails.

ASC noted to the group that a focus on what is currently being delivered needs to be looked at to avoid any duplication when looking at these potential projects. Communities First are running a number of projects that could be linked to the proposed project ideas.

GK asked if we knew what amount of funding is available for new projects under the new programme. JJ advised the group that WG will be releasing guidance in the middle of June on what indicative allocation will be awarded to each LAG to deliver LEADER projects.

6. Local Development Strategy – themes and proposals

JJ circulated a handout and explained that she had come up with 4 proposed themes for the Local Development Strategy that cover the general menu of themes provided by WG for the LEADER programme. The themes are just a suggestion but the group were happy with them and there were no comments made.

7. Creating Regenerate NPT – next steps

The next steps are to recruit membership of the group and formally confirm all documents by the next meeting.

8. AOB

JJ informed the group that she would circulate the expression of Interest form for potential projects to everyone and asked them to circulate it to any other organisations they can think of. The return date for all Expressions of Interest is by the end of July.

JJ informed the group that Wavehill have been recruited to do an evaluation of BP2.and would like to present at the next meeting.

Councillor Taylor paid tribute to Russell Ward who is leaving the authority and will be taking up a new position with Celtic Community Leisure. RW thanked the chair for his kind wishes and stated that the team has made excellent progress with developing the new programme so far and has plenty of good ideas that will ensure that RDP funding in NPT is maximised.

9. Date of next meeting

JJ to confirm the date of the next meeting, which will be in July.